

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
RELEASE AS SANITIZED

2003

PRIORITY

GUATEMALA

LINCOLN

DIRECTOR

Priority
ROUTINE

13 MAY 54

TO: SGUAT

INFO: DIR

CITE: SLINC

REF: GUAT 532

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1. FOOT DRAGGING ALL RIGHT FOR MOMENT BUT CANNOT BE CONTINUED TOO LONG,
GOVERNMENT APPROACH TO BATTEN MIGHT WELL BE DELIBERATE PROVOCATION ATTEMPT.

2. SUGGEST THEREFORE YOU RECOMMEND JMBLUG TO INSTRUCT BATTEN GIVE GOVERNMENT
REPRESENTATIVE FURTHER REPLY: AFTER MATURE CONSIDERATION, CANNOT COMPLY REQUEST
SINCE THIS MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS INTERFERENCE PURELY INTERNAL WSBURNT POLITICAL
QUESTION, NO MILITARY MATTER. UNDERSTAND WSBURNT ARMED FORCES ALWAYS EMPHASIZE
PROUDLY ALOOFNESS FROM POLITICS.

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